

BEARTOOTH
BACKCOUNTRY
HORSEMEN

You're invited! to the Dedication Ceremony of the

Ernie Strum Trail

WHO

FOLKS FROM THE BLM, BEAR-TOOTH RANGER DISTRICT, MCC, DNRC, BEAR-TOOTH BACK-COUNTRY HORSEMEN AND MANY OTHERS

WHAT

DEDICATION, SHORT HIKE ON NEW TRAIL, OUTDOOR LUNCHEON

WHEN

JULY 3, 2014

WHERE

LILY PAD LAKE TRAILHEAD

WHY

DEDICATION OF ERNIE STRUM TRAIL

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Dedication of Ernie Strum Trail

Thursday July 3 is a special day set aside to celebrate the official opening of the Ernie Strum Trail formerly known as the Lily Pad Lake trail.

The ceremony will begin at 11:00 am, 1/4 mile up the trail from the trailhead area off the West Rosebud (Mystic Lake) Forest Service Road. We will begin with introductions, project history, and storytelling.

As you travel up the trail you will not only have a feast for your senses of wildflowers, pine, bird songs and fresh air, your path will take you to a special rest point with a view of the North face of the Fishtail Plateau.



At the conclusion of the gathering, you are invited to join Bear-tooth Backcountry Horsemen in Pine Grove Campground for an outdoor lunch.

Travel directions: From Fishtail, travel South on Highway 419 about 1/2 mile to state road 425. Turn left and go approx. 6 miles to the "Y" in the road where the dirt begins. Turn left (east) and go 8 or 9 miles to the Pine Grove campground area.

It is suggested that you park at the campground where you will be shuttled to the trailhead.



The Vision

The idea began with the concept of a place in the front country of the Beartooth Mountains where horse-back riders, hikers, backpackers, photographers, and solitude seekers could easily access the dream: a pretty little lake with fish, wildlife, vistas, and an abundance of natural beauty.

Ernie and his wife Marge, assisting a group of like minded friends, persevered for 15 years to coordinate federal and state agencies, horse and

hiking groups, land-owners, and community members.

Their efforts resulted in the Lily Pad Lake Trail, to be officially dedicated as the Ernie Strum Trail on July 3, to the memory of Ernie who was the heart of the project.

